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The reply filed on February 05, 2001 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The subject matter of line 12 referred to in the amendment to be deleted and to be substituted appears to be typographical errors. There also does not appear to be any evidence to support the subject matter. (and in line 12, please substitute 84.4 % and about 120.5 % for 78.1 % and about 103.9 %). The amendment has therefore been entered in part up to line 12. Canceling the subject matter of line 12 would place application in condition for allowance. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Claims 1-8 and 13-27 are allowed. Claims 9-12 are objected to.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thurman Page, can be reached on (703) 308-2927. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 305-3592 or 308-4556.

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